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**From:** Costanzi, Frances [Costanzi.Frances@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/2/2018 9:53:59 PM  
**To:** Smidinger, Betsy [Smidinger.Betsy@epa.gov]  
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**Subject:** RE: Denver Post questions on Summitville Mine: DDL today  
**Attachments:** From the OU5 ROD.docx

Absolutely, Betsy! The reporter has written about the site before, but we will confirm the facts with him.

I just left Rich Mylott a vm message. I think he is planning a call with the reporter tomorrow, and this issue can be clarified then, if not before.

I'm attaching a couple of pages from the Summitville OU5 ROD, which I think does a good job of summarizing the factual history. This is for your information as I sent it to Rich last week. It was a big deal for the Region at the time and no small feat for the Removal Program to respond in December at high elevation.

Fran

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**From:** Smidinger, Betsy  
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**Subject:** Re: Denver Post questions on Summitville Mine: DDL today

Thanks Fran. I would like us to make sure the facts are correct with what Bruce is putting forth.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 2, 2018, at 6:33 AM, Costanzi, Frances <[Costanzi.Frances@epa.gov](mailto:Costanzi.Frances@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Betsy. We didn't shut the mine. The company walked away and CDPHE called us to help. Removal responded. I will send a little bit more from my laptop.

Fran

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 1, 2018, at 9:17 PM, Smidinger, Betsy <[Smidinger.Betsy@epa.gov](mailto:Smidinger.Betsy@epa.gov)> wrote:

I can't see Fran's track changes on my phone, but I have a question about Finley's q3: Did EPA shut the mine down in 1991?

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2018, at 11:00 AM, Costanzi, Frances <[Costanzi.Frances@epa.gov](mailto:Costanzi.Frances@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Rich...I think this looks great! I have a couple of small comments in tracked changes in the attached file. Please let me know if you have questions.

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**Subject:** Denver Post questions on Summitville Mine: DDL today

Questions and draft responses to Qs rec'd yesterday pm from Bruce Finley, Denver Post. We have been coordinating with CDPHE. Special thanks to Fran for help and info thusfar, welcome any additional edits. Please share any comments, concerns, etc. asap. Deadline 2pm today.

**1-When will EPA hand over the superfund cleanup site at Summitville to Colorado?**

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2 - What assurances can EPA give that people can be confident that, after this (\$250 million) cleanup over about 27 years (?), public health and the environment are fully protected? How successful was this toxic mine superfund cleanup?

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3 - The most mining at Summitville before EPA shut it down in 1991 included open-pit blasting and extraction of rock from the side of a mountain above timberline. While re-contouring of the surrounding tundra has been done, it appears the blasted-out parts of the landscape were not addressed as part of the remediation. Why is that? Is it simply not possible to restore carved-out mountain? Or was that not part of the superfund project?

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4 - What instructions will EPA give to Colorado at the time of hand-off for making sure the remedy endures at Summitville and the downstream ecosystems?

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5 - To what extent do EPA experts regard the work done at Summitville as a model, parts of which or all of will guide other federal cleanups of toxic mines around the West in the future?

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6- Does the lack of funding by Congress for the superfund program mean that future cleanups of this scale cannot be contemplated in the future?

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7- Lessons learned?

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<Questions and draft responses to Qs rec flc comments.docx>